

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David R. Graham on 9/10/2008.

Claim 1 A method for editing a visual recording stored on a data storage medium, comprising the steps of:
evaluating data regarding the content of the visual recording and/or data regarding the manner in which the visual recording was obtained;
selecting one or more clips of the visual recording to be included in a summary of the visual recording, based on the evaluation, wherein the selected clips of the visual recording comprise less than all of the visual recording, and wherein the step of selecting and/or the step of evaluating are performed, at least in part, automatically; and
discarding parts of the visual recording not included in the visual recording summary so that the discarded parts of the visual recording are no longer stored on a data storage medium.
modifying the result of the evaluation in accordance with an input provided by a viewer of the visual recording regarding the desirability of a part of the visual recording, wherein the step of selecting is based on the modified result of the evaluation.
the step of modifying is implemented to modify the result of the evaluation in accordance with input provided by each of a plurality of viewers of the visual recording regarding the desirability of a part of the visual recording.

Claim 24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 54 (Canceled).

Claim 55 A method as in **Claim 1**, wherein the step of modifying further comprises:

identifying a score for the input provided by each of the plurality of viewers regarding the desirability of the part of the visual recording; and
combining the scores for the plurality of viewers to produce an aggregate score representing the desirability of the part of the visual recording to the plurality of viewers.

Claim 68 Apparatus for editing a visual recording stored on a data storage medium, comprising:

means for evaluating data regarding the content of the visual recording and/or data regarding the manner in which the visual recording was obtained;

means for selecting one or more clips of the visual recording to be included in a summary of the visual recording, based on the evaluation, wherein:

the selected clips of the visual recording comprise less than all of the visual recording;

the step of selecting and/or the step of evaluating are performed, at least in part, automatically; and

the parts of the visual recording not included in the visual recording summary are discarded so that the discarded parts of the visual recording are no longer stored on a data storage medium.

modifying the result of the evaluation in accordance with an input provided by a viewer of the visual recording regarding the desirability of a part of the visual recording, wherein the step of selecting is based on the modified result of the evaluation.

the step of modifying is implemented to modify the result of the evaluation in accordance with input provided by each of a plurality of viewers of the visual recording regarding the desirability of a part of the visual recording.

Claim 72 A computer readable-storage medium or media encoded with one or more computer programs for editing a visual recording stored on a data storage medium, the one or more computer programs comprising:

instructions for evaluating data regarding the content of the visual recording and/or data regarding the manner in which the visual recording was

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obtained;

instructions for selecting one or more clips of the visual recording to be included in a summary of the visual recording, based on the evaluation, wherein:

the selected clips of the visual recording comprise less than all of the visual recording;

the step of selecting and/or the step of evaluating are performed, at least in part, automatically; and

the parts, of the visual recording not included in the visual recording summary are discarded so that the discarded parts of the visual recording are no longer stored on a data storage medium.

modifying the result of the evaluation in accordance with an input provided by a viewer of the visual recording regarding the desirability of a part of the visual recording, wherein the step of selecting is based on the modified result of the evaluation.

the step of modifying is implemented to modify the result of the evaluation in accordance with input provided by each of a plurality of viewers of the visual recording regarding the desirability of a part of the visual recording.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
For claims 1, 68 and 72, there's no teaching of suggestions for the following limitations: "**the step of modifying is implemented to modify the result of the evaluation in accordance with input provided by each of a plurality of viewers of the visual recording regarding the desirability of a part of the visual recording.**"

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."